

## CAN'T STOP IT.

Bland Wants to Limit the Silver Debate,

But it Rolls Resistlessly Irrepressibly On.

## A SILVER QUORUM.

Is a Very Difficult Thing to Find.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.**—The debate on the Bland seigniorage bill in the house yesterday was characterized by several strong Democratic speeches against the measure. Mr. Bland has given up hope of reaching an agreement—*de facto*, debate by unanimous consent, end to day he will move to close debate. As the opponents of the bill will decline to vote it will require a quorum of the advocates of the measure to carry this motion. Mr. Bland does not expect to secure a quorum today. But as far as this lack of a quorum is demonstrators' steps will be taken to compel the attendance of absentees, and Mr. Bland is confident that on Saturday, or Monday at farthest, a quorum will be present to pass the bill.

After the house had gone into committee of the whole Mr. Bland asked the privilege of making a personal explanation concerning an incident connected with the speech of Mr. Walker Wednesday. Mr. Walker, he said, had quoted from one of his speeches in which he was represented as admitting the possibility of the depreciation of the silver dollar to the price of half-brown. He did not dispute the accuracy of the report of his speech, but the words had been spoken in the heat of debate and did not represent his views. There was, he said, an active and universal demand for silver for use in the arts. Under the circumstances, it would be strange, he said, if billion silver and coined silver had the same value. He urged, however, that once there was free and unlimited coinage of silver the demands for bullion for currency purposes would bring both coin and bullion silver to par.

"Then you withdraw what Mr. Walker quoted?" said Mr. Reed.

"I withdraw nothing. I care nothing about it."

"You appear to care enough about it," retorted Mr. Reed, sarcastically, "to make this explanation."

Mr. Rawlings, delegate from Utah, then completed his speech began Wednesday. He was followed by Mr. Estes, Democrat of South Carolina, who supported the bill with a free-swing argument.

Mr. Hendrix, Democrat, of New York opposed the bill in a vigorous speech. During his speech he was besieged with questions from all sides. He crossed swords with Messrs. Blair, Livingston, McCreary, Boatman, Cox and others. Mr. Hendrix declared there was nothing sauder than to see a farmer sitting on a fence rail with a gesticulating politician trying to convince him the low price of wheat was due to the "crime of 1873."

At the conclusion of Mr. Hendrix's speech, Mr. Sloman, Populist of Kansas, took the floor in advocacy of the bill. He began with a humorous reference to the fact the bankers seemed to think only themselves competent to discuss the currency question. Yet Mr. Walker of Massachusetts had been brave enough to enter the arena and, according to the Congressional directory, he was a showman. If a showman can discuss finance, why can't a farmer? Laughter! He announced himself as in favor of the bill.

the line of the road in order to receive their freight or transact any business involving railroad transportation.

End and Round Pond are alleged to have each a population of 2,000 inhabitants or more, the remonstrance against the railroad company's actions have been so strong, it was found it was voted into congress. The measure on the final vote stood 27 to 27 and the vice president promptly exercised his prerogative by casting the deciding vote in favor of the bill. The senate amended the measure, however, and it must go back to the house for the concurrence of that body. Senators Berry of Arkansas and Palmer of Illinois were the principal champions of the bill, and Senator Blackburn of Kentucky and Senator Platt of Connecticut its leading opponents. This bill disposed of, the senate went into executive session and considered the Peckham nomination with closed doors.

Senator Peffer presented an amendment to provide that in any election for the location of county seats all citizens of the United States, irrespective of sex, shall be entitled to vote. It was opposed by Senator Blackburn, but Senator Peffer made a strong speech in support of his amendment. "I intend," said he, in conclusion, "to avail myself of every opportunity to give to women—God bless her—every advantage, every right, and every privilege that she may get." [Applause.] The amendment was defeated, the vote being Yeas 38, nays 14. Those voting for woman suffrage were Allison, Carey, Darrow, Dolph, Frye, Gallinger, Hinsborough, Kyle, Macdonald, Mitchell of Oregon, Perkins, Stewart, Teller and Wilson.

An amendment providing that a special election shall be held for the purpose of locating county seats in the counties of L. and O. and that all male citizens of the United States who have resided in such counties thirty days previous to such election shall be entitled to vote, was carried by 24 yeas to 21 nays. The bill was then passed by the following vote:

Yea—Bates, Berry, Caffery, Call, Collier, Colquitt, Cullom, Farnsler, George, Harris, Irby, Kyle, Lindsay, McLaren, Mitchell of Wisconsin, Palmer, Pascoe, Peffer, Power, Pugh, Wilson, Roach, Teller, Turpin, Voorhees, White of California, White of Louisiana, the vice-president—Total 28.

Nays—Allison, Blackburn, Butler, Cameron, Carey, Davis, Dixon, Dolph, Frye, Gorman, Hale, Hinsborough, Hawley, Hill, Hoar, Hartung, Manner, Martin, Mitchell of Oregon, Morris, Perkins, Plant, Proctor, Sharp, Stewart, Stockbridge, Washburn—Total 21.

### WORKING ON THE TARIFF.

Lead Ore Men Believe a Duty Will Be Placed on That Product.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.**—The senate sub-committee on the tariff was in session yesterday, and devoted the entire forenoon to work on the Wilson bill.

The iron ore men are not so confident of securing a duty as a few days since, and there is little question that if the members of the committee do not change their minds before next week the iron and steel portion of the bill will remain unchanged.

The lead ore men and advocates of a coal duty are, on the contrary, quite confident that their wishes are being favorably considered. Senator Durbin, Republican of Idaho, whose state is largely interested in lead ore, and who has given especial attention to this subject, expressed himself as feeling very little doubt that the lead and the people finally cooled down on being assured that Stone would surely name.

## WITHOUT A TREMOR.

Stone the Sextuple Murderer Hanged at Midnight.

Refused All Spiritual Advice to the Last.

### NECK BROKEN AT ONCE.

Made No Excuse for His Horrible Crime.

**JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 16.**—James E. Stone exploited his crime on the gallows in the prison house at 12:08 this morning. The sextuple murderer kept up his air of bravado until the last moment. The death warrant was read to him by Warden Patterson at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. During the reading Stone preserved the same stoicism that was characteristic of the man during his stay in the prison. His spiritual adviser attempted to bring him to a realization of his near approach to death, but, in the language of the warden, "he tried to the last to bluff God Almighty and everybody else."

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